

8 May 1967

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FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CIB History

*I don't know if the attached is worth anything but here it is. JKB*

To round out a history of the CIB, I'm looking for some lively material. Can you recall, or do you have papers on:

1. Interesting cases;

a. Especially good jobs (usually items); any particularly timely pieces that accurately foreshadowed something that happened shortly thereafter?

b. Especially difficult jobs (incl. coordination hassles);

c. Cases where we were wrong?

2. Do you have any good anecdotes regarding the CIB?

3. Any comment regarding shifting trends of subject matter over the years? Countries you had a hard time getting printed some time ago and now find easy to get into the CIB? Subjects you now can get printed easily? Vice Versa?

4. You do not need to write anything. Just call and I will talk with you.

1. ~~OCI/AF~~ *from*  
~~I~~ I think ~~we~~ did a generally good job on the Congo, ~~about~~ the initial upheaval  
a. *through the worst part in 1964,*  
in 1960 ~~which apparently caught us a little by surprise~~ We accurately  
predicted the UN <sup>in Katanga</sup> assault on Tshombe's ~~forces~~ Katanga forces in *Dec 62-Jan 63* and  
the coming to power of Tshombe in *July 1964*

b. The State Department gave us alot of trouble ~~with~~ in coordination on  
Congo ~~items~~ CIB items. We successfully maintained-- over *State's* objections  
--- and were proved right in two specific cases (1) that Tshombe did want  
control over all the Congo, not just Katanga, and (2) that the Congo army  
was an ill-disciplined rabble who couldn't fight its way out of a paper  
bag or maintain internal security.

c. *OCI* Of course we've been wrong: As far as I know ~~we~~ didn't accurately  
predict either (1) Nasr's nationalization of the Suez canal or  
(2) the French, British, Israeli invasion of Egypt.

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2. It's not really an anecdote, but *in the old days in* *if*  
~~the old days in~~ *Q building* *if* an  
analyst ~~was~~ *he was greeted by* *rejoinder*  
was trying to resist a CIB ~~was~~ *no excuse*  
"If you haven't told them in three days, you have *to* tell them again."

3. As to shifting trends, Africa of course has come into its own. <sup>in the CIB</sup> Back in the fifties when one had to beg to get them to print a digest, <sup>on Africa</sup> we can print on most African areas, and even mention exotic African names and places, although "Hutu" and "Tutsi" still seems to send readers into gales of laughter. We ~~have~~ <sup>now</sup> even heard that there are too many African items these days, and we may have swung over too far the other way.

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4. Any special uses to which CIB has been put? E.g., for printing world roundups of reaction to atom bomb blasts.

Daily sitreps during Cuba crisis, etc. Cable support Brief White House staff at Punta del Este - 12-14 Apr 67 for [REDACTED] Disarmament Conferences. 25X1A

5. Any particularly timely pieces you remember that accurately foreshadowed something that happened shortly after?

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Graphics - problems with [REDACTED] and improvements in [REDACTED] 7G25, 1434r

Memo to all SAD people -

As a personal favor (not an official requirement) will you jot down anything you can think of that seems to fit into the requirements

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[REDACTED] has loved on me?

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One example -- [REDACTED] 3-day

fight w/ HHH(H)H on one (1) Ven item.

Another -- how the high-cost, high-speed LDX system has slowed up the process.

Etc.

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE
TO: <i>Fred</i>		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS:  <i>Sorry I missed you yesterday afternoon I've scrawled a few notes on your memo that may help you.</i>		
FROM: <i>R</i>		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	EXTENSION

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REPLACES FORM 36-8  
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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